

# International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN)



**Enhancing the Capacity of Local  
Communities for Effective Participation  
and Decision Making for REDD-Plus  
Implementation.**

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# IUCN – Areas of Competence and Engagement in REDD+

- Provision of Scientific Information
- Enhancing the Capacity of local Communities
- Promotion of Pro-Poor Approach
  - Multi Stakeholder dialogues and Participatory Approaches
  - Mainstreaming Gender
- Development of Standards and Tools
- Mainstreaming Gender into REDD+



# KEY AREAS OF FOCUS FOR CAPACITY BUILDING

Key Areas	Elements
Readiness Organization and Consultation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a) National REDD management arrangements</li><li>b) Consultation, Participation, and Outreach</li></ul>
REDD+ Strategy Preparation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a) Assessment of Land Use, Land Use Change Drivers, Forest Law, Policy and Governance</li><li>b) REDD Strategy Options</li><li>c) Implementation Framework</li><li>d) Social and Environmental Impacts</li></ul>
Reference (Emission) Levels	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Data gathering and analysis</li></ul>
Monitoring Systems for Forests and Safeguards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a) National Forest Monitoring System</li><li>b) Information System for Multiple Benefits, Other Impacts, Governance, and Safeguards</li></ul>



# General Categories Targeted

- Government institutions, civil society, private sector and local communities.
- Target Groups
  - Traditional rulers
  - Local Communities
  - Academia and Research
  - Civic Society
  - Private sector
  - Judiciary & Security
  - The media
  - Political leaders
  - Technocrats/Bureaucrats
  - General public



Training programmes tailored to the needs and specialties of these groups

## Results and impact

- Participatory group work and demonstrations were essential elements of the training process.
- Provided ground breaking information on the differentiated risks and opportunities for the different phases of REDD+ in Ghana.
- Forests form a very major part of rural peoples' income/ livelihoods particularly for poor communities.

# Recommendations

- Capacity-building opportunities should be made available for local communities in order for them to participate effectively in REDD processes, as well as for decision-makers and REDD specialists in order to ensure that REDD schemes are people responsive.
- REDD schemes and research should value local communities' s traditional and scientific knowledge and entrepreneurial potential in relation to natural resources.
- Technical and financial support to vulnerable platforms for understanding of and involvement in REDD+ and forest reforms processes
- Use Forest Poverty tool kit to understand local people (including women) dependence on forests.

Thanks!

